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SUBJECT: BULGARIA TO RESPOND SHORTLY TO INTERNATIONAL
PARTNERSHIP ON AVIAN INFLUENZA EFFORT

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We delivered reftel talking points to Americas Directorate Head Dr. Valeri Yotov of the Bulgarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on September 9th. Yotov agreed that the spread of avian influenza is a serious issue and said the GOB will support international efforts to control its spread. Dr. Yotov offered to review the non paper and respond shortly. In a previous meeting last week, Veselin Delchev, director for EU Integration and International Cooperation at the Ministry of Health, said the GOB was closely monitoring any possible incidences of avian influenza in the country. Agricultural attache will also deliver the talking points to the Agriculture Ministry.
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